

## MEXICAN CANNON KILL HUNDREDS

Diaz and Madero in Death  
Struggle as Americans Flee  
From the City.

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last three or four days are lying in the streets with those of persons killed or wounded today.

**Hope To End Battle.**  
Both Madero and Diaz today hoped that this would be the last battle of the revolution. Madero was waiting for a message from President Taft stating that the United States was against intervention. This, he expected, would have a quieting effect on the Diaz followers who are opposed to intervention. Diaz felt sure that before nightfall the Madero forces would surrender.

**Madero Blames Diaz.**  
President Madero issued an official bulletin saying that General Diaz broke the agreement for a twenty-four hour truce yesterday. The rebel general, according to Madero, placed artillery at the intersection of Baldoias and Victoria streets, and opened fire upon the federal troops, thus compelling his own troops to renew the fighting from their side.

**Some Still There.**  
Far from the danger zone are some Americans, but others are still penned in places of peril, unable to leave because of the fighting around them.

By 3:30 o'clock this morning Diaz's artillerymen had the range of the palace absolutely and they dropped shells after shells on the roof and in the courtyard. That the building did not grow aflame or become a shambles was a mystery unexplained.

But this accuracy of aim by Diaz's cannoners did not silence for a second the Madero guns, and on both sides the rattle of machine gun firing was added today to the booming roar and falling scream of the larger cannon.

At 10 o'clock Madero's troops moved up again on the old advance lines and they stayed through the day. Meantime, deadly shrapnel was again menacing the American Club and the cable office.

General Huerta, fighting like a demon today, ran everywhere about the palace, personally encouraging his men. Individual acts of bravery or merit were rewarded on the spot from the treasure chest of Madero. The Maderistas, however, are still short on ammunition, and they worked their guns in relays. The fire of all the Diaz guns was much more continuous.

The American embassy was quite safe today. It is out of the range of fire as now directed and the federal cannon were removed yesterday from the neighborhood of the British legation. This greatly decreased the danger to the British legation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Intense interest in the Mexican situation is shown in the Mexican colony here, the members of which are following every movement of both sides. The question of intervention is uppermost in every mind to the extent that the success of Diaz and the fortunes of Madero are secondary matters of conversation.

A number of well-known members of the colony held a meeting in the Hotel Seville today which resulted in the issuance of a statement to the effect that intervention was not necessary, and that such a course would bring about the most disastrous results.

Those who attended the meeting are Alfonso S. Jimenez, Leopoldo Beato, B. A. Doyorisar, Raoul Dehesa, Roger Hernandez, Salvador A. Contreras, A. Escartin, J. Rafael Alarcon, Miguel Zaldívar, Xavier Arrangoiz, L. Lara Pardo, and Guillermo Hernandez.

Raoul Dehesa, who once was a member of the Mexican house of congress, and who married the daughter of the present minister of Mexico, declared after the meeting that in his opinion Madero never would resign, and

## MASSACRE WOULD BRING INTERVENTION

American Colony Is  
Second Largest in  
Capital of Mexico

The American colony in Mexico City, up to two years ago, when Porfirio Diaz was compelled to abdicate by the forces of Madero, was the second largest foreign colony in Mexico City and by far the wealthiest and most influential. It numbered over 10,000 men, women, and children, the Spanish colony, the first in population, having 5,000, the French 3,000, the German 2,000, and the English and Canadian, combined, about 1,000.

Contrary to the general opinion, the Americans do not live in one section of the city. While there is a portion of the town which is called the American colony and in which many Americans live, it receives its name because the property was developed by an American syndicate, headed by A. H. Barbour, of Washington, and because it was laid out according to the most approved lines of American municipal development.

It is in this section of the city that Madero's headquarters were located Friday by the rebel forces. Here is also located the American embassy. This section of the city lies between the arsenal, where Felix Diaz is bottled up, and Chapultepec, the magnificent old castle, on the outskirts of Mexico, which is used as the summer home of the Mexican Presidents.

**Scattered Through City.**  
The Americans as a rule are scattered all over the city, many living in the business section, in hotels and boarding houses, while hundreds have purchased homes in some of the garden suburbs which are scattered over the Mexican valley, of which the city is the center.

Americans in Mexico City are largely engaged in commercial pursuits. They own furniture, clothing, jewelry, book stores, and are interested in banks and realty companies. Many are employed by the national railways, the Mexican railway and by the Waters Pierce Oil Company, which has branches in all the principal cities. This automobile, electrical and machinery and there are many lawyers, doctors and dentists. A number are representatives of large American houses.

**Many Social Clubs.**  
The American colony has many social and charitable organizations, such as the American Club, the American Relief Association, and the American Hospital. It has churches and a most pleasant social life is maintained. The Society of the American Colony is a new organization, having been founded about eight years ago for the purpose of protecting the interests of Americans in Mexico.

The revolution has been most disastrous to the Americans in the city, but has been less so elsewhere. More strongly throughout the country, where two years ago, there were more than 200,000 Americans. Business is practically at a standstill, property values have been destroyed, and many citizens have been driven from their homes, giving up lucrative positions in order to remove their families from the danger zone.

**John Hays Hammond**  
Against Intervention;  
Says Time Is Not Ripe

John Hays Hammond, who is interested in foreign investments in Mexico representing more than \$20,000,000, and who is an authority on Mexican conditions, does not think the time yet has come for intervention in Mexico. Mr. Hammond built the first tramway in Mexico City and erected the first big power plant in that country.

"I have not as yet seen either the justice or the necessity of intervention in Mexico by the United States," he said today. "My friends and I recognize only the government de facto, have been consistently both publicly and privately opposed to intervention."

Three Contingencies Alone Considered Cause for War on Mexico Today.

Intervention in Mexico by the United States today had sifted down to three contingencies, the development of which would change President Taft's determination to keep "hands off" in the Mexico City civil war.

If communication is cut off from the capital; if there is an outbreak of anti-American sentiment; and if Americans lose their lives through deliberate attack by either rebels or federalists then the United States will step in. Otherwise there is every disposition on the part of the Administration to let the situation work itself out.

A week ago officials here said intervention might come if the belligerents waged an unrelenting warfare. If these contingencies have arisen, the United States will step in. But in the meanwhile it has become apparent that American lives not only in the capital, but throughout Mexico, would probably be forfeited the instant American troops or marines were landed.

**Fear a Massacre.**  
Mexican rebels and federalists alike do not want intervention, and even the landing of an expeditionary force would be purposely misconstrued by a certain class of natives as the first step toward intervention. A massacre of the natives by the rebels might follow if the natives were inflamed with the belief that the troops were coming to help the administration.

The Administration is earnestly hoping that Ambassador Wilson will have succeeded today in removing beyond the zone of fire in Mexico City every American resident. They have had a week's notice to flee, and there is no outbreak of anti-American sentiment. Moreover, at Vera Cruz, twenty-four hours' ride from the capital, there is an American war vessel, the Georgia, and two others due any moment now, the Vermont and the Nebraska. These could be used as an expeditionary force of possibly 2,000 men.

**Communication Impoverished.**  
But it is the preservation of all communication with Mexico City that concerns the Administration most, with the conditions as uncertain in Mexico City as at present, if Ambassador Wilson could not be reached, or if the department could not receive his reports, the Government thinks public opinion would support the United States taking a hand. With the censorship on news dispatches, State Department officials, it was understood today, had instructed Ambassador Wilson to make more detailed reports as to conditions at Mexico City.

Heretofore Wilson has apparently not been in a hurry to make his reports, foreseeing that press dispatches would bear this, particularly since all the diplomatic advice is in a cipher which requires considerable time for translation. Now that press matter must pass through the Government, the Government wants more complete news from Mexico City in the official dispatches.

President Madero's appeals to President Taft for a statement of the United States position affords the Administration an opportunity exactly to outline the nonintervention policy. A note framed at two cabinet meetings Saturday, and a further conference Sunday night, is probably now in Madero's hands.

It can be stated on authority that up until receipt by President Taft of Madero's appeal, the Administration had planned to land marines at Vera Cruz. But there was one significant change in the official dispatches, in that appeal which decided against that step under present conditions. The sentence was: "I ask your excellency to order your men-of-war not to disembark troops in Mexico, as this act will cause a conflagration and terrible consequences of more extent than the ones we have to contend with at present." In other words, the federal gov-

ernment at Mexico City foresees an uprising against Americans at the first news of American military forces landing on Mexican shores.

Just now the United States does not care whether Madero and Diaz and their followers wage war under civilized rules or not. Complete disregard of Red and White Cross flags has been reported, and the armistice was violated. But the Washington Administration wants the conflict to terminate, and is indifferent to the sort of warfare that may bring about this end.

No additional preparations have been made either in the army or navy today. Everything possible has been done, it was said. A "march" order would be sufficient to start the movement of troops in the event of intervention.

The complete message of President Madero to President Taft, sent on Saturday, in which it was requested that the American Government not intervene, made public today, is as follows:

"I have been informed that the Government over which Your Excellency dignifiedly presides has ordered to set out for Mexico City Mexican war vessels with troops to disembark and come to this capital to give guarantees of safety to Americans."

"Undoubtedly the information which you have and which led you to take this action is inexact and exaggerated. Every piece of information of this kind is at present in no danger if it will abandon the zone of fire and concentrate in certain points of the city or its suburbs where tranquility is absolute and where the government can give all classes guarantees of safety."

"If you will order that Americans be sent here to do that, following the precedent established by your own orders previously issued. (Note: This refers to the proclamation last spring advising all Americans to leave danger points in the republic.) All danger points of Americans and other foreigners will be obliterated. Regarding what material damages may be suffered by foreigners, this government is ready to accept all responsibility according to the obligations of international law."

"Consequently, I ask your excellency to order your men-of-war not to disembark troops in Mexico. As THIS ACT WILL CAUSE A CONFLAGRATION AND TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF MORE EXTENT THAN THE ONES WE HAVE TO CONTEND WITH AT PRESENT."

"I assure your excellency that this government is taking all measures necessary in order that the rebels in the Ciudadela (the arsenal) will do the least harm possible to lives and property in the capital, and I have hopes that everything will be peacefully arranged in a very short time."

"It is true that my country at this moment is passing through a terrible crisis, and the debarkation of American troops would not increase the dangers of the situation, and by a very lamentable introduction to the men of Washington at this time. A big stroke of economy is offered to the men of Washington at the sale now in progress at Friedlander's, 423 Ninth street. It is reported that the sale will last only a few days, as the stock will not be able to withstand very long the onslaught that will be made by men wise in their own hearts. The assortment includes suits, overcoats, trousers, raincoats, hats, fur overcoats, boys' suits and overcoats, and even the stock of men's spring furnishings is being closed out at greatly reduced prices. Men's Chincheilla Overcoats, shawl collar, raglan at back, belted back, \$25.00 value, now \$10.50. Men's Suits, formerly sold at \$22.50, in gray, black, blue, serge, and brown tweeds, now \$12.50. Men's all-wool Suits formerly sold for \$15.00 now \$8.50. Entire stock of children's Suits and Overcoats at one-half the original price."

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**SHOULDERS** FRESH, lb. . . . . 12c  
CORNED, lb. . . . . 12c  
SMOKED, lb. . . . . 12c

**BEEF** Chuck Roast, lb. . . . . 15c  
Old Dutch Roll, a boneless pot Roast, lb. . . . . 13c  
Hamburger Steak, lb. . . . 12½c  
Shoulder Chops, lb. . . . . 15c  
Lamb Breast or Stew Lamb, lb. . . . . 12½c

**LAMB** Fancy No. 1 White Potatoes, pk. . . 18c  
Fancy Globe Onions, pk. . . . 15c  
Pride of Hillsboro Corn, can. . . 5c  
Anchor Brand String Beans, can. . 5c  
Smoked White Fish, lb. . . . . 15c

Elgin Creamery Butter, lb. . . . 34c  
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in four weeks land 150,000 men on our shores."

This is the picture drawn by Major Evan Johnson, U. S. A., who is secretary of the United States Infantry Association.

As against this statement of the advantage a hostile nation would have at the beginning of a war, Major Johnson says of the resources of the United States:

"Straining every resource, counting on no hitch in transportation, we can in one month after the outbreak of hostilities concentrate at any one point on our coast about 130,000 men. Of these 30,000 will be trained; 100,000 untrained. All will have to be organized into brigades, divisions, field armies, and have staffs and supply systems created for them."

**INTENSE EXCITEMENT**  
On Ninth St. Is Being Caused By

**FRIEDLANDER'S SALE OF CLOTHING**  
At 40c, 50c and 60c on the Dollar

The crowd is so great at times around 423 Ninth street northwest that one is tempted to think that inauguration time must be at hand. Upon investigation it is found that Friedlander is conducting a sale of all the clothing for men and boys that was carried from the old store and has been put on sale at the new establishment. The reduced prices range from 40, 50, and 60 per cent less than regular prices, which fact, of course, is bringing out a large number of buyers. Every piece of merchandise brought from the old store is included, and the high character of Friedlander's stock needs no introduction to the men of Washington at this time. A big stroke of economy is offered to the men of Washington at the sale now in progress at Friedlander's, 423 Ninth street. It is reported that the sale will last only a few days, as the stock will not be able to withstand very long the onslaught that will be made by men wise in their own hearts. The assortment includes suits, overcoats, trousers, raincoats, hats, fur overcoats, boys' suits and overcoats, and even the stock of men's spring furnishings is being closed out at greatly reduced prices. Men's Chincheilla Overcoats, shawl collar, raglan at back, belted back, \$25.00 value, now \$10.50. Men's Suits, formerly sold at \$22.50, in gray, black, blue, serge, and brown tweeds, now \$12.50. Men's all-wool Suits formerly sold for \$15.00 now \$8.50. Entire stock of children's Suits and Overcoats at one-half the original price."

"I appeal to the equitable, just sentiments that have been the criterion of your government, and that should represent the sentiments of the great American people, whose destinies you have guided with so much skill and patriotism."

"We are paying dear for an ineffective military armament, and are without a military policy. If tomorrow war should break out, Congress would again have to enact laws and ill-considered laws. It is estimated that two nations could in two weeks and another

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Cuspidors.  
Enameled Pudding Pans.  
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Enameled Cups.  
Enameled Pie Plates.  
Soup Strainers.  
Cleavers.  
Muffin Pans.  
Bread Pans.  
Tea Kettles.  
Tea Trays.  
Frying Dusters.  
Scrub Brushes.  
Whisk Brooms.  
Dust Pans, half covered.  
Sieve.  
Ready Mixed Paints.  
Glass Salad Bowls.

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**BLUE and WHITE Best Enameled Ware**

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**House Dresses 79c**  
Standard at \$1  
Regular patrons will credit the Palais Royal with better than usual House Dresses at \$1.00—and term them a real bargain at 79c.

**Silk Skirts \$1.59**  
Standard at \$4  
Some of all-silk messaline, some with pongee silk, and some all-silk flat pleated flounces; black, white, and all colors. \$4.00 value at \$1.59.

**Cheney Silk 49c**  
Standard at 75c  
Cheney's famous Foulard Silks are known—and so is the standard price of them.

**Onyx Hose 14c**  
Standard at 25c  
Children's "Onyx" Hose at 14c. Women's sizes at 18c. Also find 5c "Merode" Underwear, at only 25c.

**New Ribbons 5c**  
Standard at 10c  
A table full of All-Silk Ribbons—at 5c, 10c, and 15c, instead of 10c to 25c yard. Velvet Ribbons also—at 10c to 25c, instead of 15c to 50c yard.

**Bags, &c. 19c**  
Values to \$1  
Leather, Velvet, and Beaded Bags. Leather Purse and Leather Photo Frames. Tomorrow's early visitors will find \$1.00 values.

**Infants' 10c**  
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